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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

8 SHARON ELAINE BURLESON,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 SECURITY PROPERTIES
12 RESIDENTIAL, LLC, *et al.*,

13 Defendants.
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CASE NO. C18-0513RSL

ORDER DENYING MOTION
FOR PRELIMINARY
INJUNCTION

15 This matter comes before the Court on plaintiff's motion for preliminary
16 injunction (Dkt. # 8) to prevent defendant Security Properties Residential, LLC, from
17 evicting her during the pendency of this litigation. "In order to obtain preliminary
18 injunctive relief, a plaintiff must establish that [s]he is likely to succeed on the merits,
19 that [s]he is likely to suffer irreparable harm in the absence of preliminary relief, that the
20 balance of equities tips in h[er] favor, and that an injunction is in the public interest."
21 Flexible Lifeline Sys., Inc. v. Precision Lift, Inc., 654 F.3d 989, 994 (9th Cir. 2011)
22 (internal quotation marks omitted). An injunction may also issue at the beginning of the
23 case if plaintiff shows "that serious questions going to the merits were raised and the
24 balance of hardships tips sharply in the plaintiff's favor," in addition to the equitable and
25 public interest elements. Alliance for the Wild Rockies v. Cottrell, 632 F.3d 1127, 1134
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1 (9th Cir. 2011).

2 Plaintiff alleges that Security Properties Residential, LLC, is her landlord and has
3 discriminated against her based on her race and disability by (a) charging her excessive
4 rates for water, sewer, and trash services, (b) failing to disclose how those charges are
5 calculated, and/or (c) failing to provide a safe and secure living environment. In her
6 motion for preliminary injunction, plaintiff argues that it would be unfair to allow
7 defendants to evict her for failing to pay her utility bills before her discrimination claims
8 have been resolved. Plaintiff provides no evidence that links her utility bills to her race
9 or disability and makes no effort to show that she is likely to prevail upon her
10 discrimination claims. Plaintiff's motion for injunctive relief is therefore DENIED.

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12 Dated this 20th day of June, 2018.

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14 Robert S. Lasnik
United States District Judge